

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR
EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the Commerce Committee, I am Peter J. Oates, 16 Ferry View Drive, Gales Ferry, CT 06335, and I wish to provide testimony in support of HB 5460, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

I have had extensive experience in medical and scientific research during a research and management career that has spanned some 43 years. Please see the attached sheet summarizing my qualifications and experience.

I am writing to you today in support of HB 5460 because currently there is well underway a "brain drain" of scientific talent from southeastern Connecticut. If this "brain drain" from the state of Connecticut can be halted, it is clear that there will be significant community and economic benefit to the state and the region. However, in order to be successful, immediate action will be required.

For these reasons, I strongly support HB 5460, HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

Sincerely yours,

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